

House Bill 1061 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Amerson of the 9th, Williams of the 4th, Tumlin of the 38th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wine, so as to amend certain provisions relating to special order shipping licenses; to define a term; to limit the number of cases of wine shipped to any one consumer; to provide for certain taxes to be paid by the shipper of the wine; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6 of Title 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wine, is amended by revising Code Section 3-6-31, relating to special order shipping license requirements and regulations, as follows:

"3-6-31.

(a) For purposes of this Code section, the term 'winery' means any maker or producer of wine whether in this state or in any other state, who holds a valid federal basic wine manufacturing permit.

~~(a)~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title to the contrary, ~~a shipper, without complying with the provisions of Code Section 3-6-22, any shipper which is also a winery~~ may be authorized to make direct shipments of wine to consumers in this state, without complying with the provisions of Code Section 3-6-22, upon obtaining a special order shipping license from the commissioner pursuant to this Code section.

~~(b)~~(c) A special order shipping license shall only be issued to a ~~person who holds a valid federal basic wine manufacturing permit and who is not otherwise licensed under this title,~~ winery upon compliance with all applicable provisions of this title and the regulations promulgated pursuant to this title, and upon payment of the license fee designated for retail dealers in Code Section 3-6-20.

1 ~~(c)~~(d) A special order shipping license shall entitle the ~~shipper~~ winery to ship wine upon
2 order directly to consumers for personal or household use in this state without designating
3 wholesalers as required by Code Section 3-6-22, provided that:

4 (1) The holder of a special order shipping license shall only ship brands of wine for
5 which ~~he or she~~ the holder has submitted labels to the commissioner;

6 (2) No holder of a special order shipping license shall be permitted to ship in excess of
7 ~~50~~ 12 standard cases of wine of one brand or a combination of brands into this state ~~or~~
8 ~~in excess of five cases of wine of one brand or a combination of brands to any one~~
9 consumer or address per calendar year;

10 (3) Before accepting an order from a consumer in this state, the holder of a special order
11 shipping license shall require that the person placing the order state affirmatively that he
12 or she is of the age required by Code Section 3-3-23 and shall verify the age of such
13 person placing the order either by the physical examination of an approved government
14 issued form of identification or by utilizing an Internet based age and identification
15 service;

16 ~~(4) No holder of a special order shipping license shall accept any order for any wine that~~
17 ~~is otherwise registered and designated pursuant to this title or from a person who is~~
18 ~~licensed under~~ A special order shipping license shall not authorize the shipment of any
19 wine to any premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages pursuant to this title; and

20 (5) Every shipment of wine by the holder of a special order shipping license shall be
21 clearly marked 'Alcoholic Beverages, Adult Signature Required,' and the carrier
22 delivering such shipment shall ~~obtain~~ be responsible for obtaining the signature of an
23 adult who is at least 21 years of age as a condition of delivery.

24 ~~(d)~~(e) The failure to comply strictly with the requirements of this Code section, Code
25 Section 3-3-23, and all applicable provisions of this title and regulations promulgated
26 pursuant to this title shall be grounds for the revocation of a special order shipping license
27 or other disciplinary action by the commissioner. Upon revocation of a special order
28 shipping license for shipment of wine to a person not of age as required by Code Section
29 3-3-23, such ~~person~~ winery shall not be issued any special order shipping license pursuant
30 to this Code section for a period of five years from the date of revocation.

31 ~~(e)~~(f) The holder of a special order shipping license shall collect all excise taxes imposed
32 by Code Section 3-6-50, shall remit such taxes in the same manner as licensed wine
33 wholesalers, and shall accompany such remittance with such reports, documentation, and
34 other information as may be required by the commissioner. In addition, an applicant for
35 and a holder of a special order shipping license, as a condition of receiving and holding a
36 valid license, shall:

1 (1) Agree to collect and to pay applicable Georgia state and local sales tax on each sale
2 shipped to a consumer in Georgia;

3 (2) Accompany each remittance with such sales tax reports, documentation, and other
4 information as may be required by the commissioner; and

5 (3) Consent to enforcement of the provisions of this Code section by the department and
6 to the jurisdiction of the courts of Georgia for the collection of such taxes or other
7 moneys owing, including interest and penalties.

8 ~~(f)~~(g) The commissioner may promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary and
9 appropriate for the enforcement of this Code section."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.